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LECTURE COURSE COMPLETES BUSY WEEK

Splendid Program Delights Large Crowd.

The third number of the Community Entertainment Course was held in Bomberger Memorial Hall on Saturday evening last. The Orpheus Four, one of the best quartets known, entertained the College and many friends with one of the best programs of its kind ever presented at Ursinus. Thruout the whole performance the audience was either in fits of laughter or in strained silence. Altho musicians, the Orpheus Four changed at times from music to give the audience a hearty laugh.

Mr. Samuel Glasse, spokesman for the "famous four," stated at the beginning of the entertainment that they would endeavor to give their audience a program which included both classical and popular music. In other words, to give two programs in one. This step gave the program a delightful variety which it would otherwise have lacked. It was easily seen that the Orpheus Four are experienced in entertaining at college gatherings.

The "Winter Song" gave the audience a taste of the performers' harmonizing ability. "Mighty Lak a Rose," the delightful old Southern melody, followed. A medley of popular song ended this group, showing that, with the elimination of "jazz," many of our popular songs can be harmonized most successfully.

Mr. Campbell, the base soloist, quite exceeded the expectations of those present in a group of solos. Among these, "When the Bell in the Light-house Rings Ding Dong," was probably the best.

The quartet then rendered a number of songs, both popular and classical. "Jerusalem Morning," a negro spiritual, afforded a good deal of amusement, and another medley of popular songs proved quite delightful, but the "Bugle Song," with which they had won a prize at the San Francisco Exposition, stood in a class by itself, holding the audience spell-bound during its rendition.

At this point Mr. Wells made the change from music to humor. In several pianologues and monologues he proved his ability as an impersonator. His performance brought out another round of applause.

Mr. Adams, accompanying himself on a guitar, sang three humorous solos. From the encores he drew it was evident that his selections were very much appreciated.

Mr. Glasses, tenor, sang three solos. "My Best Pal is a Little Southern Gal," composed by himself, was the best of these.

The remainder of the program consisted of a variety of songs. "The Imitation Bagpipes" was rendered so realistically as to make the audience almost doubt their ears, and the last selection, "This is the End of a Perfect Day," expressed fully the sentiments of every one present. One could almost say it was "the end of a perfect week end."

On January 29 the Bostonia Sextette will render the fourth number of the Entertainment Course.

ALUMNI, ATTENTION.

The 1921 Ruby will soon be coming from press. All Alumni who desire to buy this book should send in their orders to the business manager.

This book promises to be a good investment for any one who loves the old school and the famous Ursinus College life.

Send your orders to
Paul H. Isenberg,
Business Manager, 1921 Ruby,
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BUY RED CROSS CHRISTMAS STAMPS

BERKS COUNTY CLUB SHOWS REAL URSINUS "PEP"

Someone said "The county clubs arrange for social parties, but do they ever do anything worthwhile for Ursinus?" After search among the associations of the only three counties which had enough Ursinus spirit to organize we are glad we have found one which is not only planning but really doing practical work for a greater Ursinus.

The Berks County Club has initiated a follow up system whereby the members follow up with personal letters all inquiries from prospective students living in Berks County.

On the evening of December 30 an informal party will be held by the Club at the home of Arthur Fretz, a member of the Club, in Reading. This party is held not only as a social get-together occasion for the Club but prospective students are invited and Ursinus Alumni of Berks County are urged to be present. The address is 992 North Sixth Street.

The Alumni are especially urged to be present as the Club hopes to confer with many Alumni in regard to making plans for more active work in securing prospective students and in doing follow up work under the direction of the College office toward the securing of the final registration of the prospective students secured.

URSINUS SECURES SCIENTIFIC FARM MANAGER

The action of the Board of Directors in adopting the recommendation of the President placing the arable land of the College under scientific management has been followed by the appointment of C. E. McCormick of Jermyn, Pa., as Farm Manager. Mr. McCormick is a native of Center County, this state, where he was brought up on one of the best farms in that section. After completing his preparatory training he entered the Pennsylvania State College. After taking the full four years at this place he accepted the management of the Dennington Stock Farm owned by J. J. Jermyn, Esq., at Jermyn, Pa. This is an eight hundred acre farm.

Mr. McCormick now turns from extensive to highly intensive farming. The policy will be to devote the college farm to the production of all such articles for use in our own boarding department as can be produced locally.

He visited the College on December 18 and laid the plans for operation in the early spring.

QUESTION IS CHOSEN FOR INTER-COLLEGIATE DEBATES

A joint meeting of the faculty committee on debating and the twelve candidates, who were chosen from the two literary societies, was called last Monday by the chairman, Prof. Munson. After a lengthy consideration, it was decided, that the immigration question should be used for Ursinus' inter-collegiate debates of the coming season. The following wording of the question was approved: "Resolved, That Immigration Should be Rigidly Prohibited for a Period of Three Years." Much discussion arose in respect to the various limits, within which the word, "Immigration" can be defined. One plan of avoiding all disagreement alone stood the test, and it was therefore unanimously passed, that all contracts should demand that a definition of the above term be agreed upon by both teams, before the opening of each debate, and that this mutual definition be announced to the judges and printed on the programs.

Prof. Munson, chairman of the faculty committee, reported, that the three coaches for the coming season had been appointed at a recent meeting of the faculty. They are: Prof. Small, Prof. Witmer and Prof. Munson. Drawings were also made by the debate candidates in order to determine the side on which they are to speak at the tryouts to be held in January.

Since Juniata has not yet answered the challenge for a debate it was decided that negotiations should be opened with some other institution to see if a third debate could be arranged.

Ursinus alumni who desire to send out Christmas cards with the Ursinus seal may order same from the College Supply Store by mail. Six large cards with gold seal will be sent for one dollar, postpaid.

SCRUBS MAKE GOOD SHOWING AT WEST CHESTER NORMAL

Despite the fact that this was a busy week end at College, with a big dance Saturday afternoon to attract attention, Ursinus managed to scrape together a scrub team to send to West Chester State Normal School.

The game was fast and exciting from the very first. The Ursinus five-man defense and the West Chester individual defense kept the scoring down considerably. Neither team showed very much along the shooting line. The majority of the shots at the basket were taken at a considerable distance from the bucket. The scoring during the first half was very close, this period ending with an 11-11 tie.

Captain Rahn did all the scoring for the College team, while Hughes was the individual star for the Normal quintette. Rahn's work was brilliant. Deal, the Ursinus Scrubs' sturdy guard, did much to keep the score down.

The final score was 19-16, favor West Chester. Line-up:

Hunterforward..... Lyons
Sheelyforward..... Diehl
Rahncenter..... Hipple
Kauffmanguard..... Hughes
Dealguard..... Maby
Referee—Emory. Time, 20-minute halves. Field goals, Lyons 2, Rahn 2, Hughes 3. Foul goals, Diehl, 9 out of 15; Rahn, 12 out of 16.

STUDENT COUNCIL DANCE.

Another success has been added to the growing number of dances which have prospered under student council governance. The dance held in the Field Cage from two until five last Saturday afternoon was a most pleasant and enjoyable function. It was probably the first afternoon dance ever held at the College. Its success justifies the innovation. The decorations were simple and typical of the Christmas season. A large pine tree in the center of the floor was covered with tinsel, colored paper and strings of popcorn. The whole was brilliantly set off by a display of multi-colored electric bulbs. The windows and odd corners were tastily decorated with greens and crepe paper.

The floor was good, the punch was better, but the orchestra was best of all. Conshohocken outdid herself when she produced the "Rythmical Six."

The chaperons were: Miss Sarah E. Ermold, Miss Joyce B. Hamm, Miss Clara E. Waldron, Miss Agnes R. MacCann, Mrs. E. N. Ermold and Mrs. Emma G. E. Webb.

At least 1,400 former soldiers, sailors, marines and nurses are expected to take advantage of Wisconsin's soldier educational bonus law. The people of Wisconsin evidently have none of this hurrahing for the soldiers which when it comes to sharing some of the high wages made during the war by those not in the army amounts only to "hot air."

SCHAFF LITERARY SOCIETY CELEBRATES ANNIVERSARY ; CROWD COMPLETELY FILLS BOMBERGER

French Historical Plays Gives Actors Opportunity to Do Their Best

The Fircone Tavern was the rendezvous of the Band known as the Brotherhood of the Cockleshell, an organization of cut-purses and wantons. Here on one June evening came the King of France, Louis XI, seeking information of the treachery of his Grand Constable, whom rumor declared, was preparing to sell to the rival state of Burgundy the body of the King.

While waiting for his victim Louis amuses himself by observing the Brotherhood particularly their leader who is Master Francois Villon, a man of scholarship and vision who thru the force of circumstances has become a desperado and who now, together with the Abbess, Hugette du Hamel, rules the brotherhood. Villon, who despite his low surroundings and the crimes which he has committed still loves his native land, sings of the glories that would come to France if he were king. The disguised king listens, thinking of a dream which he has had, how that he had found a jewel of great price in the streets of Paris.

Francois now relates how he had seen a great court lady who had won his love. He had sent her verses and had been cudgelled by her gallant. Soon after he has finished relating his hopeless love, the lady of his dreams enters. Katherine de Vaucelles, sought by the king and by the highest minister of the land, she seeks Villon to ask him if his verses spoke truth and if he is really willing to die for her. She wishes him to kill the Grand Constable, Thibaut d'Aussigny who comes to the tavern to negotiate for the betrayal of his country. Villon wounds Thibaut in a duel conducted in the dark and is about to be hung by the city watch at the command of the wounded officer when the disguised king interferes by declaring his presence.

Villon is taken to the palace where the king informs him that he will be made Grand Constable for a week and is then to be hung unless within that time he has won the heart of the Lady de Vaucelles. Villon accepts the king's offer and acting for the king, huris back defiance at the Burgundian herald who has demanded France's surrender. He also pardons the Comrades of the Cockleshells who do not recognize him in his new attire. Villon now commences to ply his suit with Katherine.

In this he well succeeds as in everything else and she fully gives her heart to the Count de Montcorbier as Villon is now styled. She is intensely patriotic and wishes her lover to save France at all costs. Thibaut d'Aussigny now makes an attempt to kidnap the king by playing upon his superstitious folly. Hugette who is one of the conspirators is discovered by Villon and tells him the plot. Villon thereupon decides to impersonate the king and the traitor is captured. Thwarted in his plan he attempts to murder Villon and would have succeeded were it not for Hugette who throws herself between Villon and his opponent receiving the wound intended for her lover.

Villon now prepares to ride to battle but the king tauntingly asks how the Lady Katherine will love him when she discovers that he is but a bandit and cutpurse. He at once decides she must be told and tho it means the loss of his love and his death on the morrow, he tells her.

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Talented Cast Under Coaching of Prof. Deitz Scores Marked Success

At its fiftieth anniversary on Friday evening Schaff Literary Society presented to one of the largest crowds that have ever graced Bomberger Hall, the drama "If I Were King." In every respect Schaff scored a hit and made an event to be long remembered by those present. The almost startling reality of the play was enhanced both by the brilliancy of the costumes and the picturesque stage setting. These gave added vividness to the beauty of the play.

Francois Villon was impersonated by Nathaniel S. Detwiler. His interpretation of this stellar role was able and convincing. He showed great ease in assuming an almost kaleidoscopic range of emotions, each flashing to the surface as some unexpected turn of fate brought it to the fore. Villon stood in contrast to King Louis XI played by Frank I. Sheeder, Jr. Villon's courage and noble beauty were placed in sharp relief against the shrewdness and malignity of Louis as depicted by Mr. Sheeder. The mingled piety and superstitions, courage and cowardice of this "Europe's king of foxes" was well shown.

Katherine de Vaucelles, Miss Marguerite Moyer and Hugette du Hamel, Miss M. Josephine Xander can also be well contrasted and compared. Both love Villon for his deeds of poetry, love and war but the first loves him despite her pride while the second has no pride, where he is concerned. Both are ready to die for him and tho but one does we must pity her and admire her self sacrifice as much as we admire the other for her nobility of character. Miss Moyer and Miss Xander brought out well the love shown by all to this erratic son of genius and their portrayals left nothing to be desired.

Thibaut d'Aussigny, the black hearted traitor of France was played by Richard F. Deitz. Mr. Deitz succeeded in investing the personality of Thibaut, treacherous tho he was, with a degree of innate nobility which rendered the character more vivid. Mother Villon, as shown by Miss Angeline Henricks, was a touching picture of mother love. Her pathetic offer of self sacrifice at the climax was exceeding touching.

Noel le Jolys, courtier and lover, was acted by John F. Stock. His lack of success with Katherine was balanced by his unrequited love of Hugette. The surly provost marshal of the king, Tristan l'Hermite, together with his famous barber minster, Olivier le Dain, must be mentioned. Faithful shadows of the king the assisted him in his rambles a la Haroun al aschid, thru the streets of Paris.

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CALENDAR

Dec. 21, Tuesday
4 p. m.—Christmas vacation begins
Dec. 30, Thursday
—Berks County Club Social Evening
Jan. 4, Tuesday
8 a. m.—Christmas vacation ends
Jan. 5, Wednesday
—Sketch "Broken China" at joint Y. M. and Y. W. Meeting

Dr. Allen: (in Biology class)
"What's the matter Kengle, are you timid?"

The Sophomore class banners have arrived and now the Maroon and Gold of the '23 class graces the walls of many rooms.

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Editorial Comment

The outstanding event of the past week is the Schaff Play and Anniversary. This Play and Anniversary and the Zwinglian Program and Anniversary are two of the prominent literary events of the year. They are outstanding not only in the lives of the two societies but they are prominent in the broader college aspect for they are the high points of a feature of college life of which Ursinus can feel most proud.

Only seventeen out of a student body of almost 200 have not become, as yet, members of a literary society. Many of these have signified their intention of joining one or the other society before the end of the year. Out of 115 graduates in the last three years only three were not members of a literary society. Including the present Senior class out of 149 graduates in four years only five non members are found.

Can Ursinus feel proud of this? Recently the paper of a university having a student body four times as large as that of Ursinus announced a mass meeting to take the place of literary societies, not one of which, it had been found could be kept in existence. In a college twice as large as Ursinus where there are two literary societies, both are small, one is so small it is almost a case of all members holding office in order to get the required officers. At another college one society gives a luncheon to attract members. These are typical of the struggles of literary societies in many other colleges.

The Ursinus family can well feel proud of the two live and active literary societies at Ursinus. Ursinus can safely challenge any other institution to produce two better ones. We believe we are safe in saying it would be hard to find a college with a little more than 91 per cent of its student body members of a literary society and with more than 96 per cent of its recent graduates members of a literary society.

Does membership in an active literary society give an added value to college life? If it does, make this one of your big talking points for Ursinus. Be glad you are an Ursinusite.

G. P. K. '21

Y. W. C. A.

"Joy to the World, the Lord is Come," "O Little Town of Bethlehem, How Still We See Thee Lie"—strains such as these characterized the Y. W. meeting of Wednesday evening. Christmas joy and enthusiasm pervaded the atmosphere and the girls sang the old, yet ever new, carols as tho from bursting hearts and throats. Catherine Heindel and Louise Hinkle very impressively sang that favorite carol, "Noel, Noel." Dot Mentzer, then, as leader, had the Christmas story read after which she told three little interesting stories revealing the origin of some of our best-loved Christmas customs, carols, etc., ending with a timely plea—to celebrate this 1920 Christmas by giving and sharing and endeavoring to keep the spirit throught the entire year.

Sentence prayers, more carols and the benediction and the effective little service ended with a message in each heart.

The Y. W. C. A. held its regular bi-monthly business meeting Wednesday evening following the weekly meeting, at which the following business was transacted:

The minutes of all the intervening cabinet meetings were read and approved after which reports of committees were given. Ruth Snyder informed all present about the sketch "Broken China," to be given at a joint meeting on January fifth. Mildred Mitman explained the particulars of the short Christmas service scheduled for early risers—six fifteen, Tuesday morning. Thelma Wood presented the progress of Bible Study Classes, giving the percentages of attendance. Gladys Light expressed her pleasure and thanks to the girls for their donation of sixty dressed dolls, thirty of which she sent to Bethany Orphans' Home and the remaining to Coney Creek Community Center, Pippa Passes, Kentucky. Josephine Xander explained that a copy of the Association Monthly would be placed in the library every month. Catherine Heindel reported the arrival of the Japanese goods.

This was followed by the election of Molly Vine to associate membership. Following this the meeting adjourned.

Y. M. C. A.

Rev. Dr. Gramm, of Reading, and one of the prominent workers in the Reformed Church, addressed a meeting of the association on Wednesday evening in the social rooms. A majority of the men of the College turned out. Dr. Gramm spoke on many spiritual truths illustrating them in terms of electricity and the sciences, immediately akin to it. Were Jesus living here to-day he would draw many parables from electricity. Electricity energizes and sets into action, powers. God gave us powers and these can become active only when energized. In a bit of wire there are millions of electrons, but they are dormant and practically dead when not energized. The moral and spiritual power in us are electrons, but are dormant unless energized. There are a number of laws in electricity. It is primarily necessary that there is a good connection. This connection in life is cooperation.

Another factor in a good electric circuit is clean contact. Green scale on contact parts of an electric doorbell button renders the apparatus worthless. Herein lies the principle of clean living. Another factor is proper voltage. Wires may not be overloaded. Cross-wires must be watched. The wires having crossed precipitated the calamity of 1914 in Europe. Externally there is no visual evidence by which one can differentiate between a live and a dead wire. The evidence can only be tactual. Having come in touch with real character one soon knows it. Merely looking at men is often deceptive. Personality and appearance will deceive us. Referring to two great modern wonders, the X-ray and the wireless, Dr.

Gramm said that the X-ray only reveals. God can only reveal defects in us. We must correct. Unless tuned properly a sending apparatus will merely send undusted sparks. Many people are fire-spitters. In receiving, the apparatus must be tuned to the one sought to be heard. We cannot understand God or His forces on earth save we are ourselves properly adjusted. The world is full of messages. It took several minutes after the meeting for Dr. Gramm to meet all the enthused listeners who were eager to express their appreciation.

MEETING OF THE Y. M. C. A. CABINET

The Y. M. C. A. Cabinet had a short meeting in the social room on Wednesday evening following the regular meeting.

The President informed the collectors that all the clothing they had collected for the European Relief should be sent away on Saturday.

It was decided to discontinue Bible Study Classes for the present because it conflicted with time for the Christian Endeavor meeting and no other time for the Classes could be found.

The Cabinet decided to send three delegates to the Y. M. C. A. Convention to be held at Harrisburg. The students who will represent the Y. M. C. A. at that convention are Messrs. Shellenberger, Zendt and Ehlman.

SEMINARY ALUMNUS CELEBRATES ANNIVERSARY

The "Record-Herald" of Hanover, Pa., contains a lengthy account of the 25th Anniversary of the pastorate of Rev. Marsby J. Roth, D. D., Sem. '93, pastor of Trinity Reformed Church, Hanover, Pa., held December 15. Among many visitors present at the exercises which were attended by a crowd which packed the lower floor and gallery, were Rev. J. M. Faust, Sem. '98, Rev. George W. Welsh '93, and Rev. E. M. Sando '04.

President Omwake delivered the address of the evening. Hon. Andrew R. Brodbeck, an elder of Trinity Church and a Director of Ursinus, was master of ceremonies. Following President Omwake's address the pastor was presented with \$125 in gold by the members of his congregation.

Monthly Meeting of H. P. Group

At 8 o'clock sharp on Monday night, Prof. Munson sent the group crier Cauffiel out to collect the members. After crying himself hoarse, there assembled in the Y room the faithful few of the group, including Isenberg, who arrived late per usual.

President Schwartz called for order and the customary howling and witty speeches began.

Chas. H. Miller read quite an instructive essay on the Japanese immigration question, which was applauded profusely. "Monk" Paine in his quaint, appealing manner, next gave us the "Pathe Weekly" including an impersonation of the animated cartoon. His paper left us very pleasantly situated in the midst of Turkey. Now to savor the program, "Max" Flitter, "Boob" Baker and "Zit" Rutter stepped into the arena and sang very tenderly yet forcibly a trio. Applause!—encore! Helffrich was called upon next to give 1000 lbs of harmony, so with Stauffer's able sonorous voice, not 1000 lbs. but 2 tons of vocal strains caused the curtains to sway and the lights to flicker. The number was entitled "Silent Night."

Mr. Diehl now addressed the raving multitude upon the scientific and improved method of striking in the coal fields of Pennsylvania. Moser and a few other human canaries twittered a medley of almost forgotten songs after which the entire group discussed politics with their mouths full of pretzels and tin spoons laden with "Cherry Custard" adjournment.

Classical Group Meeting

The Classical atmosphere was predominated over by a decided Christmas spirit not only shown in the program but throught the entire evening. The program rendered was up to the usual group standard and was as follows:

D-etwiler's Debut, Miss Detwiler E-legant Eloquence, Mr. Faye

C-hristmas Carols,

Mr. Shellenberger, leader
E-lysium Exemplified, Mr. Beattie
M-usical Murmurings, Mr. Neuroth
B-eware the Astounder, Mr. Lentz
E-xtemporaneous Exhortation

Mr. Yost
R-eviving Refreshments, Request
Dr. and Mrs. Baden, altho late in arriving on account of a light accident, brought with them their usual cheer in addition to Christmas cheer in tinfoil which they distributed among the group.

Mathematical Group Meeting

Dr. and Mrs. Clawson entertained the Math. members in a most charming manner on Monday evening. The program was short but good. Mr. Lenker opened with a very clever soliloquy on farming. Miss Boyer entertained with a ukelele solo, and responded to an encore. Mathematics then came to the fore, in the form of the metric system, read by Miss McCaverty. In a clear and forceful way, Miss Sholl demonstrated the means of solving problems similar to many puzzles in the daily papers, following the rules of unicursal lines. The audience was then taken back to childhood days and to Santa Claus, by Miss Heindel's recitation "I'm as good as good can be at Christmas time." Mr. Arms' Math. Mirth, to say the least, was extremely mirthful and hugely enjoyed. Dr. Clawson concluded the program with a splendid and timely talk, on the commercializing of subjects, especially in the secondary schools. He showed very clearly the benefit of performing tasks of study and exploration, not alone for the practical value, but for the progress of humanity.

The meeting then divided into Cartesian and Euclidian groups and proceeded to play new and interesting games. The best of eats, served in the dearest way by Alec and John Clawson followed, bringing to all the memories of home, especially when the cake with its thick icing was passed around. The meeting broke up with deep appreciation on the part of all the members for their most delightful and enjoyable evening.

E. H. Group Meeting

The members of the English Historical Group wended their way to Olevian Hall, Monday evening, for the December meeting. The Sophomore class arranged and performed the entire program according to the standards of '23. The following program was then rendered: Piano solo, Miss Hoover; Current Events, Miss Gross; sketch, Miss McBlain, leader; reading, Miss Zerfoss; E. H. Spice, Miss Neff. Dr. Smith gave an amusing talk on the joys of being a sophomore. After partaking of the "goodies" and a social hour spent in playing games, the campus song brought the meeting to an abrupt close.

Modern Language Group Meeting

Le Groupe des Langues Modernes held a very delightful meeting at the Maples on Monday evening. The program was opened with a piano solo by Miss Berger and was continued with, Christmas recitation, Miss Groninger; vocal solo, Miss Greenover; reading, Miss Kunkle; Christmas reminiscences in Mexico, Miss Clapham; French song, Miss Mitman. Mrs. Small concluded by taking the group to a very jolly New England Christmas house party. During the social hour, Miss Shirey led the group in the old, yet ever new, Christmas carols and after the serving of the always welcome refreshments the groupers journeyed hallward.

By way of good news to Ursinus students the group wishes to tell them that it has decided to supply the library with some current foreign literature.

PRESIDENT OMWAKE MAKES ADDRESSES

President Omwake addressed the teachers of Norristown on "Education in the New Age" at their monthly meeting on last Tuesday evening, and on Wednesday evening delivered the address at the celebration of the twenty-fifth anniversary of the pastorate of the Rev. M. J. Roth, D. D., of Trinity Reformed Church, Hanover, Penna.

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The Tower Window



HERE ARE a few more beautiful pastorals in all literature than the story of the shepherds which adorns the narrative of the Savior's birth. It is good reading in the Greek from mere phonetic considerations, and nowhere have the translators rendered a passage that is charming

in the very telling with finer effect than in this little story as given in the King James version. We have the beautiful story beautifully told in the simple, but chaste and dignified lines so familiar to us all.

The hillside pasture, the shepherds, the peaceful flocks, the starlit sky—a few bold strokes of the artist's brush and the picture is complete. What a story this for little children! The appeal to the imagination is all that the child-mind can want. Even the supernatural features are introduced so naturally that no strain on the imagination is required to admit them into the picture. The stellar dome of the heavens becomes aglow with a soft and radiant light, the angel appears and presently, as from a thousand golden portals come forth the multitude of the heavenly host. The angel speaks, the heavenly choir make the night ring with their sweet song, all return, the light fades away, and the shepherds without a word of questioning agree to go at once to Bethlehem "to see the thing which has come to pass." Few stories are imaged more perfectly than this by the little folk.

Older minds are charmed not alone by the beautiful setting but by the inspiring message. The world on that night was truly in darkness. The pagan life of the times gave nothing of hope. Sometimes in the past, there had been gleams of light seen now and then by a highly favored few through rifts in the ever clouded sky, but in these days of the Caesars all was dark. In marked contrast to the decrees of which all too many had come from the earthly kings was this glorious pronouncement from the sky: "Fear not for behold I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be unto all people, for unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior which is Christ the Lord."

Glad tidings! Yea, after twenty centuries the host of earth as well as of heaven, sing

"Glory to God in the highest
Peace on earth
Good will toward men."

G. L. O.

ALUMNI NOTES

Progress! Since last issue two Alumni Notes have been sent in. This means two more in the Column than would otherwise be here. Help to keep up the good work. Send some notes of the whereabouts of yourself and friends of Ursinus over the holidays. Help us keep the Alumni Column interesting!

After January 1, Rev. A. B. Markley, Ph. D., '76 will be located at Lancaster, Pa., instead of Coshocton, O. He will become pastor of the Church of the Redeemer (Lutheran).

The York papers announce that Rev. Earl Yeatts '16, formerly of York, and recently located at Burke, N. Y., as pastor of a Presbyterian Church, died very suddenly on Saturday, December 11. No other information is available at this writing.

A. G. Kershner '12 is practicing medicine at 517 Green street, Norristown, Pa. Dr. Kershner graduated from the University of Pennsylvania Medical School in 1919. Last May he passed the examinations of The National Board of Medical Examiners of Washington, D. C., held in Philadelphia, Pa.

At a recent meeting of Lehigh Trustees the resignation of President Drinker was accepted to take effect December 31. He was elected President Emeritus.

Prof. Veo. F. Small is wreathed in smiles due to the arrival of a third member of the Small family, a bouncing baby girl. The "Weekly" extends congratulations.

Last week the Alumni Column was in error in the item concerning Rev. A. M. Billman '12. This item should have read at the place in error: Rev. Billman has accepted the pastorate of the First Reformed Church of McKeesport. We regret the mistake and are glad to be corrected.

James Newton Shelly recently arrived at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Russell H. Shelly. Mrs. Shelly will be remembered as Ellen Hallman, '14, of Pottstown. The "Weekly" extends congratulations.

Henry Gebhard '14 is the pastor of the Reformed Church at Duquesne, Pa. He was present at a reception recently given Rev. Billman by his new congregation and introduced the pastor to his new members present.

The salary of Rev. Howard H. Long, A. M. '97, pastor of St. John's Reformed Church, Red Lion, Pa., was increased \$300, the same to go into effect the first of January. This is the second increase in nine months.

A large number of visitors, alumni and friends were present over the week end, seeing Schaff play, attending the dance, and enjoying other festivities of the week end.

Who's Who in the Alumni Athletic Club.

Can you recall those Freshman days when the momentous task of coining an appropriate motto for your class confronted you? Those are the days when a youth's chest expands into a Saratoga trunk at the reference to the importance of this watchword to success.

How many of our Alumni remember their class motto? Well do I remember that of our class (1905). Not because of its recent adoption, but on account of its "Parisian air" and brevity. "Laissez nous faire."—"Let us do." These few words necessarily imply action. While at College the class unquestionably lived up to the last letter. But like all bolshevistic movements ours terminated in the magistrate's office. Our mistake was in "doing" too much. Since graduation however we have not exceeded the "speed limit." Yet we can proudly state that 50 per cent. of our members have enrolled in the Alumni Club and before the Memorial Library is built we shall "go over the top" in that movement.

Fellow Alumnus, what is your class record or your personal record? This year is about to close, take account of stock; if you find a deficiency, "cover up" immediately.

Why not adopt "Laissez nous faire" as a hitching post for this "Pep" Club? We shall require some action to wipe up the balance of our indebtedness on Patterson Field, which amounts to \$575.

Holiday season may be an unpropitious time for the beggar to knock at your door but if you are imbued with the real Christmas spirit you will respond to every worthy appeal.

The following team has come to our assistance in helping to clean up this indebtedness:

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Ralph E. Miller, '05, Treas.

FACULTY MEMBER ENGAGED IN RESEARCH WORK

Professor Mertz is making a study of the activities of teachers this winter for the National Association of College Teachers of Education. The aim of the study is to determine the actual things which teachers in service are called upon to do as a basis for the preparation of courses of study for teachers which will meet real, instead of fictitious or theoretical needs. The committee of the Association which has this work in charge is headed by Dr. Arthur J. Jones of the University of Pennsylvania.

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STUDENTS' COLUMN

Conspicuous among week end visitors was one of our contemporaries, Mr. William Levengood, editor of "The Gettysburgian," the student paper of Pennsylvania College, of Gettysburg. "Bill" very partially divided his time between Schaff play and other week end festivities and the social parlor at The Maples. The "Weekly" office greatly enjoyed his company when he wasn't otherwise monopolized. We trust he may have occasion to visit us again.

The Suite Four of Olevian report a serious discord in their quattraine since Fritz went home and with the "Weekly" express their hope that the New Year will bring her back to them well and happy, radiating her customary cheerfulness and filled with her old vitality and pep.

Mary Hersh went to see Santa Claus on flying trip to Philadelphia last week. Ask Uncle Goebly what she brought back.

Sunday evening the Box on fourth floor Dog Menagerie jingled with five reluctant pennies. Let us issue a kindly warning that this might exert a disastrous influence upon "Charlie" as evidenced immediately in his refusal to obey their command.

Dorothy Mentzer '21 accompanied Miss Waldron to Philadelphia where they took in a concert.

Santa Claus paid a visit to The First Floor Four of Shreiner and left a Christmas tree.

Much mystery reigns in the girls' halls in anticipation of the Christmas parties given by the preceptresses.

A very mysterious box weighing eighteen pounds arrives at South Hall for Mrs. Marion Xander. After several moments of intense excitement, the anxiety is relieved when "Joe" finds it to be a box of California dried fruits. Such bliss!

We are very glad to see Mike up and about again. Had it lasted much longer Milly would have been a nervous wreck.

When Glad has been in to have Molly fix her girdle, Molly is heard to remark—"Just because I made the dress for her, she thinks I have to put her into it every time."

We wonder why so many girls wore caps to dinner on Thursday night.

A college senior returns to the days of curls. Is this ethical?

When Anne Roeder discovers a certain party from Zieglerville comes to the basketball games, she decided she would like to stay down some time because she really does like basketball, she says.

Joe Canan is busily engaged in the limerick writing contest being carried on by a Philadelphia newspaper. His many friends are just as busily engaged in planning the banquet they will have if Joe wins. It is interesting to note that no definite arrangement have been made as yet.

Lenker is anxious to learn why no one calls him Forrest any longer. The world is just as anxious to know why he has contracted such an aversion for "Falmouth" collars.

The "First" Ward Restaurant has quite a following of dyspeptics. What will Zit, Bob and Flit do for their pig souse and beans during the holidays?

During the week Weller was forced to go home because of a severe attack of quinsy which kept him bedfast for several days here.

Miss Boyd was seen in Bomberger the evening of Schaff play, accompanied by one whom for want of better information, we suppose is a more or less distant cousin.

Talented Cast Scores Success.

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Messrs. Houck and Reifsnnyder played their parts with gusto.

Space does not permit the enumeration of many names. The comrades of the Cockleshells and their maids together with their bluff and hearty land-lord; the great lords and ladies of the court, headed by the queen and with all their attending retinue, these must go down, not to oblivion but to fond recollection in the minds of all

who saw the play. A gay and gorgeous company such as this has earned its name in the dramatic annals of of Schaff and of Ursinus.

Intermissions before and between the action were devoid of boredom. The organ selection rendered by John Stock put all in a mood for love and adventure. Between the first and second acts piano duets by the Hinkle sisters whiled away the time so that the audience was then ready to enter the Rose Garden with the actors. A vocal solo "If I Were King" by Arthur Fretz gave a truer insight into the thought and action of the play. Miss Greta Hinkle '19 delighted the audience during the last pause by rendering several delightful vocal solos.

The settings for the play, the Fircone Tavern, the Rose Garden in the Palace and the open audience chamber in the Place de la Greve formed wonderful backgrounds for the brilliancy of the costumes and action. Simple and rich in design, they showed the unmistakable hands and brain of an artist. Designed by John F. Stock, they add another laurel to his artistic wreath.

The staff behind the scenes under the direction of Edwin T. Undercuffler are deserving of much credit. Misses Sara E. Deitz and Mary J. Hershberger as Mistress of Wardrobe and Properties were both efficient and helpful. Messrs. Johnson and Frank as electrician and carpenter respectively did much to make the play a scenic success.

Arrangements for the play were made by the Anniversary Committee, Mr. George P. Kehl, chairman, Misses Marguerite Moyer and Josephine Xander, Messrs. Frank I. Sheeder, Jr., and E. Karl Houck. Ushering and decoration were capably handled by Misses McCavery and Gross.

The general direction of the play as a whole rested upon Gilbert A. Deitz '18. Prof. Deitz has starred in past Schaff Plays and has had a thoro training in the dramatic art under professional coaches. As a director he is excellent, imparting his own fervor and mobility to the actors whom he directs. It is to Prof. Deitz that a great deal of the applause should be directed and to him that Schaff must look in the future in the hope of surpassing the Semi Centennial Play.

French Play Given by Schaff.

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He wins the battle. His pardoned rogues bring with them the Burgundian banners to fling before the king. The king declares that now the Grand Constable Count de Montcorbier must do his latest duty, which is to order hanged master Francis Villon. On hearing this the people angrily protest. Louis thereupon decrees that if any one will take Villon's place on the gallows he himself shall go free. Villon's mother offers herself but the king will not allow the one who has given him life once to do so again. At the last moment Katherine offers herself for Villon, love having conquered her pride. Louis struck by what seems to be the ending of his dream, weakens in his resolution and pardons them and orders their betrothal.

Y. M. C. A. COLLECTS GARMENTS FOR STRICKEN EUROPEANS.

Before all the students leave for their homes there will have left for New York, a well-packed box of clothing destined for stricken Europeans. During the last week collections were made through all the boys' dormitories the results of which are far in excess of expectations. In the amassed contributions are all manner of wearing apparel ranging from green trousers to striped soft collars. The men willingly searched obscure corners of bureau and closet, resurrounding things which they had not worn, much less seen, for months. These with other more valuable property were charitably parted with, and to this generous spirit only, can the success of the canvass be attributed.

The Johnstown Club, one of the many county and sectional clubs of the U. of P. is planning a dance in Johnstown during the coming holidays.

CHEM-BI GROUP.

The "technically inclined" of the College gathered in Schaff Hall last Monday evening for the best program the group has presented this year. The attendance, however, was very poor. This was due in part to the forced absence of those members who took part in the Schaff play but, nevertheless, there are many in the group for whose absence there is no excuse.

The program follows: Duet, Violin and Piano, Miss Lawrence and Mr. Arnold; Paper, "Color Adaptation Among Animals," Mr. J. Kershner; Vocal Solo, Mr. E. K. Miller; Talk, "Alchemy of the Egyptians and Arabians," Mr. Wikoff; Paper, "Beri-beri—Its History and Prevention," Miss Kelly; "Night Rust—Oxeyed," Mr. Greiman; "America's Biologists," Dr. Allen.

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